# BEFORE THE MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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) Case No. 800-2018-045417
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#### **DECISION AND ORDER**

The attached Stipulated Surrender of License and Order is hereby adopted as the Decision and Order of the Medical Board of California, Department of Consumer Affairs, State of California.

This Decision shall become effective at 5:00 p.m. on March 29, 2019.

IT IS SO ORDERED March 22, 2019.

MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA

Bv:

Kimberly Kirchmeyer

**Executive Director** 

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10	MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS				
11	STATE OF C	ALIFORNIA			
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13	In the Matter of the Accusation Against:	Case No. 800-2018-045417			
14	KING WONG, M.D. 2392 North Euclid Avenue				
15	Upland, CA 91784	STIPULATED SURRENDER OF			
16	Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. A	LICENSE AND ORDER			
17	35471				
18	Respondent.				
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21	IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between the parties to the above-				
22	entitled proceedings that the following matters are	e true:			
23	<u>PAR</u>	<u>ries</u>			
24	1. Kimberly Kirchmeyer (Complainant) is the Executive Director of the Medical Board				
25	of California (Board). She brought this action solely in her official capacity and is represented in this matter by Xavier Becerra, Attorney General of the State of California, by Cindy M. Lopez,				
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27	Deputy Attorney General.				
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- 2. KING WONG, M.D. (Respondent) is represented in this proceeding by attorney Raymond J. McMahon, whose address is: Doyle Schafer McMahon, LLP, 5440 Trabuco Road, Irvine, CA 92620.
- 3. On or about July 1, 1980, the Board issued Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. A 35471 to KING WONG, M.D. (Respondent). The Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought in Accusation No. 800-2018-045417 and will expire on February 29, 2020, unless renewed.

#### **JURISDICTION**

3. Accusation No. 800-2018-045417 was filed before the (Board). The Accusation and all other statutorily required documents were properly served on Respondent on November 21, 2018. Respondent timely filed his Notice of Defense contesting the Accusation. A copy of Accusation No. 800-2018-045417 is attached as Exhibit A and incorporated by reference.

#### ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS

- 4. Respondent has carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understands the charges and allegations in Accusation No. 800-2018-045417. Respondent also has carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understands the effects of this Stipulated Surrender of License and Order.
- 5. Respondent is fully aware of his legal rights in this matter, including the right to a hearing on the charges and allegations in the Accusation; the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against him; the right to present evidence and to testify on his own behalf; the right to the issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents; the right to reconsideration and court review of an adverse decision; and all other rights accorded by the California Administrative Procedure Act and other applicable laws.
- 6. Respondent voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently waives and gives up each and every right set forth above.

#### **CULPABILITY**

- 7. Respondent understands that the charges and allegations in Accusation No. 800-2018-045417, if proven at a hearing, constitute cause for imposing discipline upon his Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate.
- 8. For the purpose of resolving the Accusation without the expense and uncertainty of further proceedings, Respondent agrees that, at a hearing, Complainant could establish a factual basis for the charges in the Accusation and that those charges constitute cause for discipline. Respondent hereby gives up his right to contest that cause for discipline exists based on those charges.
- 9. Respondent understands that by signing this stipulation he enables the Board to issue an order accepting the surrender of his Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate without further process.

#### **CONTINGENCY**

- 10. This stipulation shall be subject to approval by the Board. Respondent understands and agrees that counsel for Complainant and the staff of the Board may communicate directly with the Board regarding this stipulation and surrender, without notice to or participation by Respondent or his counsel. By signing the stipulation, Respondent understands and agrees that he may not withdraw his agreement or seek to rescind the stipulation prior to the time the Board considers and acts upon it. If the Board fails to adopt this stipulation as its Decision and Order, the Stipulated Surrender and Disciplinary Order shall be of no force or effect, except for this paragraph, it shall be inadmissible in any legal action between the parties, and the Board shall not be disqualified from further action by having considered this matter.
- 11. The parties understand and agree that Portable Document Format (PDF) and facsimile copies of this Stipulated Surrender of License and Order, including Portable Document Format (PDF) and facsimile signatures thereto, shall have the same force and effect as the originals.
- 12. In consideration of the foregoing admissions and stipulations, the parties agree that the Board may, without further notice or formal proceeding, issue and enter the following Order:

#### <u>ORDEŘ</u>

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. A 35471, issued to Respondent KING WONG, M.D., is surrendered and accepted by the Medical Board of California.

- 1. The surrender of Respondent's Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate and the acceptance of the surrendered license by the Board shall constitute the imposition of discipline against Respondent. This stipulation constitutes a record of the discipline and shall become a part of Respondent's license history with the Medical Board of California.
- 2. Respondent shall lose all rights and privileges as a physician and surgeon in California as of the effective date of the Board's Decision and Order.
- 3. Respondent shall cause to be delivered to the Board his pocket license and, if one was issued, his wall certificate on or before the effective date of the Decision and Order.
- 4. If Respondent ever files an application for licensure or a petition for reinstatement in the State of California, the Board shall treat it as a petition for reinstatement. Respondent must comply with all the laws, regulations and procedures for reinstatement of a revoked or surrendered license in effect at the time the petition is filed, and all of the charges and allegations contained in Accusation No. 800-2018-045417 shall be deemed to be true, correct and admitted by Respondent when the Board determines whether to grant or deny the petition.

#### ACCEPTANCE

I have carefully read the above Stipulated Surrender of License and Order and have fully discussed it with my attorney, Ray McMahon. I understand the stipulation and the effect it will have on my Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate. I enter into this Stipulated Surrender of License and Order voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently, and agree to be bound by the Decision and Order of the Medical Board of California.

DATED: 03/18/1

KING WONG, M.D.
Respondent

1	I have read and fully discussed with Respondent KING WONG, M.D. the terms and		
. 2	conditions and other matters contained in this Stipulated Surrender of License and Order. 1		
3	approve its form and content.		
4	DATED: 1 (arch 5, 2019 7)		
5	RAY MCMAHON		
G	Attorney for Respondent		
7	ENDORSEMENT		
Ŋ	The foregoing Stipulated Surrender of License and Order is hereby respectfully submitte	d	
9	for consideration by the Medical Board of California of the Department of Consumer Affairs.		
10	Dated: 3.18.15 Respectfully submitted,		
11	XAVIER BECERRA		
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16	Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. A 35471,			
17	Respondent.			
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20	Complainant alleges:			
21	<u>PARTIES</u>			
22	1. Kimberly Kirchmeyer (Complainant) brings this Accusation solely in her official			
23	capacity as the Executive Director of the Medical Board of California, Department of Consumer			
24	Affairs (Board).			
25	2. On or about July 1, 1980, the Medical Board issued Physician's and Surgeon's			
26	Certificate Number A 35471 to King Wong, M.D. (Respondent). The Physician's and Surgeon's			
27	Certificate was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and wil			
28	expire on February 29, 2020, unless renewed.			

#### **JURISDICTION**

- 3. This Accusation is brought before the Board, under the authority of the following laws. All section references are to the Business and Professions Code unless otherwise indicated.
  - 4. Section 2227 of the Code states:
- "(a) A licensee whose matter has been heard by an administrative law judge of the Medical Quality Hearing Panel as designated in Section 11371 of the Government Code, or whose default has been entered, and who is found guilty, or who has entered into a stipulation for disciplinary action with the board, may, in accordance with the provisions of this chapter:
  - "(1) Have his or her license revoked upon order of the board.
- "(2) Have his or her right to practice suspended for a period not to exceed one year upon order of the board.
- "(3) Be placed on probation and be required to pay the costs of probation monitoring upon order of the board.
- "(4) Be publicly reprimanded by the board. The public reprimand may include a requirement that the licensee complete relevant educational courses approved by the board.
- "(5) Have any other action taken in relation to discipline as part of an order of probation, as the board or an administrative law judge may deem proper.
- "(b) Any matter heard pursuant to subdivision (a), except for warning letters, medical review or advisory conferences, professional competency examinations, continuing education activities, and cost reimbursement associated therewith that are agreed to with the board and successfully completed by the licensee, or other matters made confidential or privileged by existing law, is deemed public, and shall be made available to the public by the board pursuant to Section 803.1."
  - 5. Section 2234 of the Code, states:

"The board shall take action against any licensee who is charged with unprofessional conduct. In addition to other provisions of this article, unprofessional conduct includes, but is not limited to, the following:

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#### **CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

#### (Incompetence)

- 6. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 2234, subdivision (d), in that he failed the Physician Assessment and Clinical Education ("PACE") Program at the University of California, San Diego. His performance was substandard and consistent with a fail, which signifies that he is not competent to practice medicine and poses a potential danger to his patients. The circumstances are as follows:
  - A. In a disciplinary action entitled *In the Matter of the Accusation Against King Wong M.D.*, Case No. 11-2013-230174, Complainant alleged gross negligence and repeated negligent acts in the care and treatment of a patient. Briefly, Respondent was grossly negligent in the delivery of a baby. Respondent encountered shoulder dystocia and unfortunately, the baby died.
  - B. The Board issued a decision effective December 7, 2017, in which Respondent's certificate was subject to a public reprimand, with the condition that he successfully complete a clinical competence assessment program.
  - C. Between May 14-18, 2018, Respondent participated in the PACE Program. He completed a neuropsychological evaluation on August 3, 2018.
  - D. Respondent's overall performance in PACE was that of a "fail," which signified a poor performance that was not compatible with overall physician competency and safe practice, representing a potential danger to his patients. There were several deficiencies, some of which are listed below.
  - E. Cognitive Screening: Microg is a computer based assessment of cognitive skills and is a screening test to help determine if a PACE participant should be referred for a neuropsychological evaluation. Respondent performed in the below average range on several factors including general cognitive functioning, memory, and information processing speed to name a few. According to the psychologist who reviewed the findings, Respondent needs further neuropsychological testing and a fitness for duty evaluation.

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- F. Mock patient history: Respondent performed a complete history and physical exam of a 34-year-old female mock patient. He demonstrated unsatisfactory medical interviewing and physical exam skills. He barely palpated the breasts and performed the exam while she was sitting up. The pelvic exam was painful for the patient because the speculum was still open when it was removed. The mock patient said it was the worst breast and pelvic exam she had received.
- G. Chart stimulated recall: Respondent's charts were reviewed and there were deficiencies with all 18 charts. The documentation was insufficient, and he could not offer explanations when the deficiencies were pointed out to him.
- H. Obstetrics emergency simulation: Respondent struggled with several of the scenarios. One of them involved a shoulder dystocia. Respondent was not comfortable with how to proceed, and used an excessive amount of force in an effort to deliver the baby. This scenario of a shoulder dystocia is what lead to his discipline in the first place.
- I. Ob/Gyn subject exam: Respondent scored in the 24th percentile, with a test score of67.
- J. On August 3, 2018, Dr. P. did a neuropsychological evaluation of Respondent. He found Respondent had significant impairments in executive functioning and had limited manual dexterity which, for a surgeon, is problematic.

#### **DISCIPLINARY CONSIDERATIONS**

7. To determine the degree of discipline, if any, to be imposed on Respondent, Complainant alleges that in a prior disciplinary action entitled *In the Matter of the Accusation Against King Wong, M.D.*, before the Medical Board of California, in Case Number 11-2013-230174, Respondent agreed to a Public Reprimand, in addition to completing a clinical competence assessment program. That decision is now final and is incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

#### **PRAYER**

WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged, and that following the hearing, the Medical Board of California issue a decision:

- 1. Revoking or suspending Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate Number A 35471, issued to King Wong, M.D.;
- 2. Revoking, suspending or denying approval of King Wong, M.D.'s authority to supervise physician assistants and advanced practice nurses;
- 3. Ordering King Wong, M.D., if placed on probation, to pay the Board the costs of probation monitoring; and
  - 4. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

DATED:

November 21, 2018

KIMBERLYKIRCHMEYE

Executive Director

Medical Board of California

Department of Consumer Affairs

State of California Complainant

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